GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT DUE TO CLOSURE OF PLYWOOD INDUSTRIES IN A & N
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether due to sudden closure of 3 medium size plywood industries in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, the unemployment has increased by two fold;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if so, the action the Government have initiated to evolve a mechanism to generate employment opportunities for them ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH.VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): The closure of M/s Andamans Timber Industry, Bambooflat, South Andaman and M/s Jayashre Timber Industry, Bakultala, Middle Andaman and suspension of work by M/s KITPLY, Long Island has affected around 5000 persons directly employed in these industries thereby marginally increasing the unemployment level in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

(c) The Andaman and Nicobar Administration implements various schemes including Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana, Margin Money Scheme, Loan to Tiny and Cottage Industry Projects under which financial assistance is provided to the interested persons for setting up their own industries for undertaking self-employment ventures. The Andaman and Nicobar Administration has increased the target of these schemes during the last two years to enable more and more unemployed people to avail of the benefits of these schemes.